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TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: GENERAL DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL POLICY, INCLUDING REGIONAL AND SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT

CHILE: DRAFT RES

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

HAVING HELD A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL POLICY AND OF RECENT EVENTS,

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE COLLABORATION IT HAS
RECEIVED IN THIS EXERCISE-THROUGH HELPFUL OPINIONS AND INFOR-
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MATION GIVEN IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION-FROM THE

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OFFICE IN BEIRUT, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION, THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT), THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES AND THE COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (CMEA), AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CATEGORY A CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE COUNCIL, INCLUDING BOTH TRADE UNION AND EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS,

REAFFIRMING ITS RES 1724 (LIII) ON THE FUNDAMENTAL ROLE OF THE COUNCIL UNDER ART. 60 OF THE CHARTER AND THE RATIONALIZATION OF ITS METHODS OF WORK,

A. EXPRESSES

1. ITS PROFOUND ALARM AT THE PERSISTENCE AND AGGRAVATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CRISIS AND INFLATIONARY PRESSURE, WHICH AFFECT EVEN COUNTRIES THAT UNTIL NOW WERE FREE FROM THIS SCOURGE, AND AT THE DELAY IN IDENTIFYING THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THE MONETARY CHAOS AND AGREEING ON APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM WHICH WILL SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

2. THIS ALARM IS JUSTIFIED, INTER ALIA, BY THE FOLLOWING EFFECTS THAT THESE EVENTS PRODUCE OR MAY PRODUCE:

(A) A MANIFEST DISEQUILIBRIUM IN INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS, WHICH SERIOUSLY INTERFERES WITH TRADE AND JEOPARDIZES NOT JUST THE SUCCESS BUT THE ACTUAL HOLDING OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER GATT SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF THIS YEAR;

(B) A FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE REDUCED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

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CONDITIONS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE AFFECTED BY THESE PHENOMENA DIRECTLY, BECAUSE OF THE RISE IN THE PRICES OF THEIR IMPORTS AND THE DEVALUATION OF THEIR CURRENCY RESERVES, AND ALSO INDIRECTLY, BECAUSE THEY HINDER THE ATTAINMENT OF THE TARGETS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE;

(C) PREVENTING THE NOTABLE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE PAST YEAR

IN ELIMINATING THE MAJOR POLITICAL TENSIONS THAT HAVE LONG BESET THE WORLD FROM DEVELOPING TO THE FULL ITS POTENTIALLY FAVOURABLE EFFECTS ON THEIMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS;

(D) STIMULATING SPECULATION AND THUS ENCOURAGING ACTIVITIES CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS BY SOME LARGE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS;

(E) A WORLD RECESSION, WHICH COULD HAVE CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES.

3. IT IS NO LESS ALARMED AT THE ACUTE FOOD SHORTAGE, WHICH HAS BECOME EXCEPTIONALLY SERIOUS BECAUSE OF THE DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OWING TO MAJOR DRAUGHTS AND FLOODS AND THE EXHAUSTION OF GRAIN STOCKS, THUS AGGRAVATING THE CHRONIC AND GROWING DISEQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN POPULATION GROWTH AND THE FOOD SUPPLY, ALL OF WHICH MEANS CONTINUED MALNUTRITION FOR MORE THAN 1,500 MILLION HUMAN BEINGS AND IS AT THIS TIME REFLECTED IN ACTUAL FAMINE, THE MOST SERIOUS BEING THE ONE IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION OF AFRICA.

B. URGENTLY APPEALS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO TAKE PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES WITH A VIEW TO

1. HOLDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS ON A DRASTIC REFORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A NEW MONETARY ORDER WHICH WILL MEET THE INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION ON POLITICAL OR OTHER GROUNDS, WILL VIGOROUSLY ACCELERATE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD, PARTICULARLY THE LEAST ADVANCED COUNTRIES, AND WILL PROMOTE A WIDER AND MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, BOTH WORLD-WIDE AND AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL;

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2. MAKING A CO-ORDINATED ATTACK ON PROBLEMS IN THE MONETARY, TRADE AND FINANCIAL SPHERES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RES 84 (III) OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONF. ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RES 1722 (LIII) AND G.A. RES 3041 (XXVII), TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THOSE PROBLEMS AND THE NEED FOR FULL PARTICIPATION BY BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. NOT ONLY SHOULD THE INTERESTS OF THE LATTER GROUP OF COUNTRIES IN THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER GATT BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAME RES', BUT TRADE CONCESSIONS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THEY CAN EFFECTIVELY EXERCISE THE ADVANTAGES DERIVING FROM THE CONCESSIONS OBTAINED IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS;

3. PUTTING INTO EFFECT A POLICY THE BASIC OBJECTIVE OF WHICH WOULD BE TO SATISFY FULLY, IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF HUMAN BEINGS TO LIVE FREE FROM HUNGER THROUGH INDIVIDUAL MEASURES AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION, A RIGHT ESTABLISHED IN ART II, PARA 2, OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AND ACHIEVING WORLD FOOD SECURITY. THIS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH CONCERTED ACTION TO BRING ABOUT A RAPID INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION. ESPECIALLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THE FORMATION OF FOOD RESERVES, PARTICULARLY OF CEREALS AND DAIRY PRODUCTS, IN PREPARATION FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS SUCH AS THOSE THAT EXIST AT PRESENT, WITH THE REMOVAL OF CUSTOMS AND NON-CUSTOMS BARRIERS TO A MORE VIGOROUS AND FASTER-FLOWING TRADE IN FOOD;

4. MAKING MAXIMUM USE OF THE MACHINERY FOR UNIVERSAL AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION SET UP WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRINCIPLES WHICH REMAIN FULLY IN FORCE AND WHICH ARE A GUARANTEE THAT THE SOLUTIONS TO MAJOR PROBLEMS WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPERATIVE OF SOLIDARITY IMPLICIT IN THE CHARTER, WHICH ARISES OUT OF AN INTERDEPENDENCE EMBRACING THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND WAR, PROSPERITY AND POVERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. ALTHOUGH THIS MACHINERY MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED TO PRESENT CONDITIONS AND NEEDS AND ALTHOUGH ITS ACTIVITIES MAY NEED TO BE BETTER CO-ORDINATED, IT REMAINS AN IRREPLACEABLE INSTRUMENT FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES STATED IN ART. 55
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OF THE U.N. CHARTER, WHICH ALL MEMBER STATES, IN ART. 56 HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO PROMOTE.

C. APPEALS ALSO TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AND INFORMATION MEDIA

TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ACTION BY GOVTS TO REMOVE THE DANGERS TO PEACE, INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE, PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND THE SATISFACTION OF THE VITAL NEEDS OF A LARGE PART OF MANKIND THAT THE SITUATIONS DEALT WITH IN THIS RES REPRESENT.END QUOTE

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